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## **Election Observer Panel Plan**

### County Contact and System Information

Registrar of Voters: Keith M. Williams (209) 966-2007

Vendor & Voting Systems: Sequoia Insight Optical Scan & AVC Edge

### Purpose

The Election Observer Panel is invited to observe all critical procedures of the election process, including Logic and Accuracy testing of each AVC Edge unit, absentee ballot processing, election officer trainings, Election Day activities, Election Night ballot counting, and canvass procedures.

### Invitation

Between E-60 and E-30, letters of invitation will be sent to the following:

- County Grand Jury
- Board of Supervisors and CAO
- Representatives from all county central committees
- Representatives from the local newspaper

### Duties, General Rules of Conduct

Observers may:

- Observe the proceedings at the polls, including the opening and closing procedures.
- Obtain information from the precinct index that is posted near the entrance.
- Make notes and watch all procedures.
- View all activities at the central counting site on Election Day.
- View the canvass of the vote activities following the election.
- View absentee and provisional ballot processing.
- Ask questions of staff or voters at the polls.
- Ask questions of supervisors at the central counting site.

Observers are responsible for:

- Checking in at each site, whether polling place or central counting site.
- Wearing an identification badge.

- Maintaining a professional manner while observing the election processes.
- Ensuring they do not interfere with the elections process.

Observers may not:

- Interfere in any way with the conduct of the election.
- Touch any voting materials or equipment or sit at the official worktables.
- Converse with voters (within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place) regarding the casting of a vote, or speak to a voter regarding his or her qualifications to vote.
- Display any election material or wear campaign badges, buttons or apparel.
- Wear the uniform of a peace officer, a private guard, or security personnel.
- Talk to central counting site workers while they are processing ballots.
- Use the telephones, computers or other polling place facilities at polling places or the central counting site.
- Touch election personnel.
- Eat or drink in the polls or the central counting site.
- Assist in operations at any polling place.



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## **ELECTION OBSERVER SCHEDULE**

### **Friday, January 25, 2008 through Monday, February 4, 2008**

8am – 9pm\*      Process Vote by Mail Ballots      Elections Office

\*Vote by Mail ballots will not be processed during scheduled poll worker training sessions.

### **Tuesday, February 5, 2008**

7am	Polls Open	All County Polling Locations
8am – 5pm	Process Vote by Mail Ballots	Elections Office
8pm	Polls Close	All County Polling Locations
8:30pm	Vote by mail results available*	Elections Office
8pm – Complete	Receipt and processing of all poll ballots; receipt of precinct supplies	County Board Room

### **Wednesday, February 6, 2008 through Tuesday, March 4, 2008**

8am – 5pm      Election Canvass      Elections Office

*\*Results of the first ballots counted will be released starting at approximately 8:30pm and continuous updates will be released throughout the evening until the election night count is complete.*